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SUBJECT:US-POLISH CULTURAL TALKS

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTTEL. POLISH EMBASSY HERE INFORMS US THAT DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK SUNDAY EVENING, PROCEED TO WASHINGTON DIRECTLY, AND PLANS RETURN WARSAW THURSDAY, MARCH 4. PLEASE ADVISE IF DELEGATION DESIRES ANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH TALKS.

2. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. REVIEW OF LAST ROUND OF TALKS CAN BE HELD.

B. EDUCATIONAL MATTERS: WE PLAN TO GIVE POLES COPY OF GEORGE WILSON LETTER TO RYBICKI DATED FEBRUARY 10 OUTLINING PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH STUDY CENTER AT INDIANA AND ILLINOIS. RE POLISH INSTRUCTORS AT US INSTI-  
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TUTIONS, WE WILL ASK POLES IF THEY WISH TO SUBSTITUTE LECTURERS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS UNDER EXISTING CU PROGRAM.

C. PUBLISHING: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON

POLISH PROPOSAL TO SET UP FUND FOR TRANSLATING PLAYS AND BOOKS. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS NEGATIVE. WE WILL ADVISE POLES TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR PUBLISHING BOOKS DIRECTLY WITH US PUBLISHERS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESSES (AUP) POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO POLAND TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS. AUP NOTED IT HAS MADE TWO SUCH VISITS PREVIOUSLY WITH VERY LITTLE RESULT, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIRD VISIT IF EMBASSY BELIEVES FEASIBLE AND WILLING TO FUND FROM CU COUNTRY ALLOCATION. AUP SAYS THAT PROBLEM HERE IS TO FIND US SCHOLARS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF POLISH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE WHO HAVE THE TIME TO READ POLISH BOOKS AND ADVISE ON THEIR SUITABILITY FOR PUBLISHING.

D. VERIFICATION OF TEXTBOOKS: WE WILL FIRST SEEK TO CLARIFY THE PROBLEMS AS SEEN BY THE POLES AND WILL ADVISE THEM THAT AMERICAN PUBLISHERS ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLISHERS (AAP) HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT IT COULD INFORM ITS MEMBERS TO SEND TEXTBOOKS WHICH ARE DUE FOR REVISION TO POLAND FOR CRITIQUE BY POLES. POLES MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTRACT WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO STUDY TEXTS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO US PUBLISHERS.

E. FILMS: WE WILL SEEK DETAILS FROM POLES AND OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING RETROSPECTIVE SHOW OF POLISH FEATURE FILMS AND CARTOONS. WE WILL SUGGEST THAT FILM DELEGATIONS BE EXCHANGED PRIVATELY AS THIS IS COMMERCIAL MATTER NOT UNDER USG PROGRAM. WE WILL OFFER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WHEREVER POSSIBLE FOR OTHER MATTERS RAISED.

F. TELEVISION: PENDERGRAST AND SLAWECKI WILL BE SEEING PBS ON MARCH 1 TO DETERMINE CURRENT STAGE OF DISCUSSION WITH POLES.

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G. CULTURE AND ART: WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR POLES TO SEE SMITHSONIAN (SITES) RE SHOWING OF MAJOR EXHIBIT OF POLISH CONTEMPORARY ART.

H. MISCELLANEOUS: WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS INVITATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER

THE IV PROGRAM, WITH DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND THE POLES IF SUCH VISITS ARE IN LINE WITH COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVES.

3. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH LIST OF TOPICS EMBASSY GAVE

POLES FOR DISCUSSION BY US SIDE AND WILL ADD OR MERGE THEM INTO AGENDA PROPOSED BY POLES. WE PREFER HOWEVER EXCHANGE OF INDIVIDUALS (JOURNALISTS, ETC.) RATHER THAN DELEGATIONS. SINCE ACLS IS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WE SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION MAKE DIRECT APPROACH TO ACLS.

4. DEPARTMENT AND USIA ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST POLISH EMBASSY HERE BUT POINT OUT THAT MAJOR EFFORT SHOULD BE THEIRS, NOT OURS.

5. SINCE TALKS WILL BE HELD AT DEPARTMENT, FUTURE TELEGRAMS THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE VIA STATE CHANNEL TO FACILITATE PROMPT RECEIPT AT THIS END. INGERSOLL

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